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The attached references (deFeyter et al. "A ribozyme gene and an antisense gene are equally effective in conferring resistance to tobacco mosaic virus on transgenic tobacco." Mol. Gen. Genet. 250: 329-338, 1996; and Huntley *et al.* "Interference with brome mosaic virus replication by targeting the minus strand promoter." J. Gen. Virol. 74: 2445-2452, 1993) were submitted by a third party in the corresponding European patent application. Applicants request that a copy of the reference be placed in the file.

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